GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT NAGPUR AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed security arrangements at important airports in the country including Nagpur Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether TV channel has exposed security mess at the Nagpur Airport; and

(d) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to strengthen and improve the security at the airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b): Security arrangements at all the airports in the country are reviewed at regular intervals by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security(BCAS).During the current year, 59 inspections of security arrangements at various airports including Nagpur airport have been carried out.

(c) A private TV channel had telecast a news-report in December, 2000 showing some alleged lapses at Nagpur airport in connection with a chartered flight which had arrived from Delhi on 14.4.2000.

(d) It has been clarified to all concerned that there is no distinction between a chartered flight and scheduled flight so far as security measures are concerned. Further, all security measures as prescribed by the International Civil Aviation Organization in Annex-17 to the Convention on Security, are strictly followed. The measures taken include:-

i) Frisking of passengers and checking of hand baggage before boarding;

ii) Ladder point security check of passengers;

iii) Deployment of Sky Marshals on selected routes at random basis;

iv)Deployment of CISF at airports for security duties in a phased manner;

v) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams at selected airports.